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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants:           Iain B. FINDLETON et al.  
Serial No.:           10/714,401  
Filing date:          November 17, 2003  
Title:                METHOD FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF LOCAL CLIENT CACHE  
                          BUFFERS IN A CLUSTERED COMPUTER ENVIRONMENT  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**REMARKS**

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.